

ABSTRACT SYSTEM USER MANUAL

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Call for Abstracts

The 2015 USCA Planning Committee has issued the Call for Abstracts to solicit proposals from people working in the field of HIV/AIDS interested in convening a seminar, workshop, round table or poster presentation at USCA. When preparing submissions, please follow all guidelines outlined in this site and submit required materials on or before April 3, 2015, by 5:00 p.m. (EST). The committee will notify everyone accepted as presenters well in advance of the conference dates, and send them information concerning all applicable registration and/or hotel discounts.

About the Abstract Mentor Program

The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) has developed this online abstract mentor program with the goal of building HIV/AIDS research capacity in Communities of Color by supporting efforts to increase the number and quality of abstracts for successful acceptance to 2012 U.S. Conference on AIDS.

This program provides abstract writing assistance to individuals working in communities of color throughout the United States, which include, but are not limited to, African American, Latino/Hispanic, Native American/Alaska Native, and Asian/Pacific Islander communities. The program supports HIV/AIDS research by providing young and/or less-experienced abstract submitters the opportunity to have access to mentoring in research and writing.

This online abstract mentor program provides an opportunity for mentees to ask for feedback from experienced abstract submitters who have been successful in abstract submission, review and presentation. Through this online abstract mentoring system, individuals will have an opportunity to have a mentor/trainer review their abstract who will be able to provide feedback in order to improve the quality of the abstract and thus increase the chance of the abstract(s) being accepted to the 2015 USCA conference. The abstract mentor program will be open from February 25, 2015, through March 27, 2015, to assist in abstract preparation. The 2015 USCA abstract submission application closes on April 3, 2015.

General Rules

- Mentees will be matched to mentors who can best provide feedback in the abstract research area identified.
- Mentors will provide feedback based on a set of guidelines, and will respond to practical issues and formal requirements related to the abstract—specifically focusing on the research methods, objectives, analysis, clarity, and language.

- Mentors cannot rewrite, edit, or make changes to the abstract. Mentors can only provide comments/feedback to abstract submitters.
- Mentees cannot ask mentors whether they think their abstracts are likely to be selected by the USCA Abstract Committee.

Steps for Requesting Abstract Preparation Assistance

To request abstract preparation assistance, mentees must request a user account. Please complete an account request form to have a user account set up and begin the mentoring process. Once you have completed the account request form, you will receive your account login information.

Logging Onto the Web Site

To log onto the Web site, you will need a computer with an Internet connection and a browser such as Internet Explorer. Connect to the Internet and open your browser.

Log onto https://www.abstractcentral.org/nmac

The Home page displays.

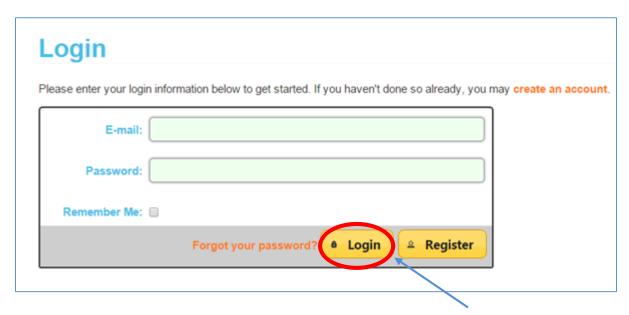
• Select **Login** from the menu at the top of the page.



The login screen displays. If you have already registered with the Web site, you can log in. If you

have not registered, you will need to create an account (see Register).

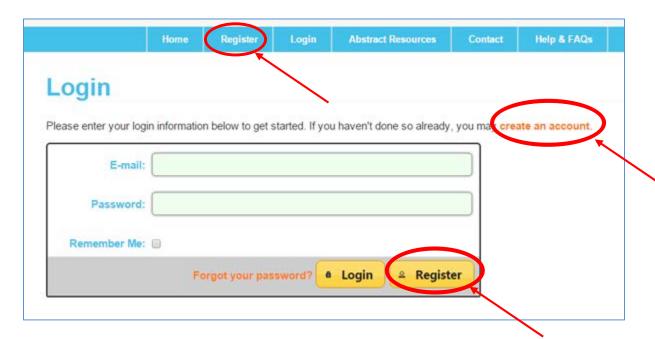
• To log in, type your **E-mail** address and **Password**, and click on **Login**.



Register

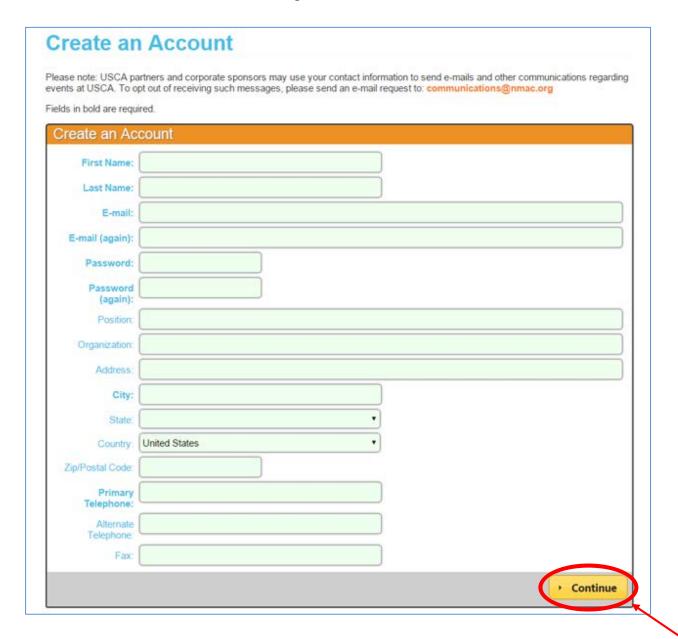
Mentees must register to create an account that will allow submission of up to two abstracts to be reviewed by a mentor and a total of six for submission to the USCA conference.

• To register, click on **Register** (in the menu bar or on the **Login** page), or click on **create** an account on the Login page.



The **Create an Account** form appears; fields in bold type are required.

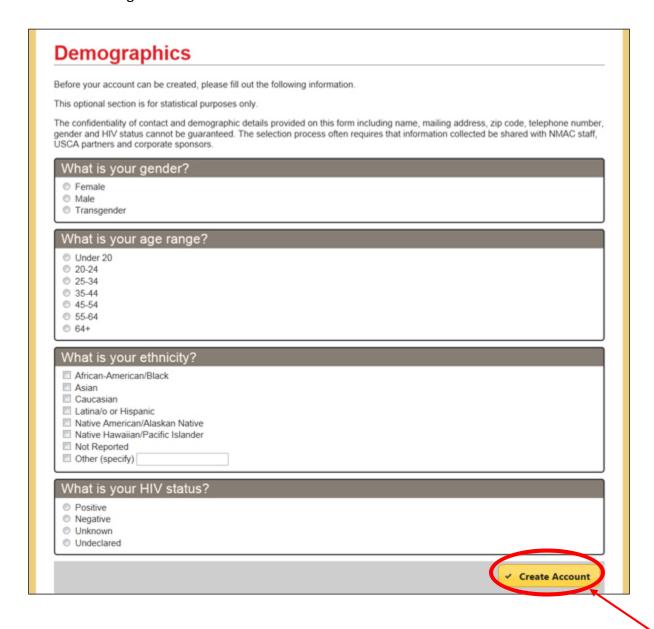
- Complete the account creation registration form.
- Click on **Continue** at the bottom right of the form.



A page comes up for selection of demographic information. This information is optional and for statistical purposes only. Note that confidentiality of contact information and demographic details provided including name, mailing address, zip code, telephone number, gender and HIV status cannot be guaranteed.

Request Account

• After you have filled in your demographic information, click on **Create Account** at the bottom right of the form.



An **Account Verification** screen appears stating that an e-mail has been sent with your username and password.

Account Verification

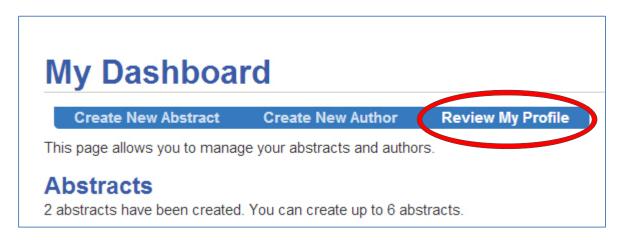
We have received your request to create an account. An e-mail has been sent to the address provided with your username and password. Please check your inbox or SPAM folder for this e-mail message. If you do not receive it within 24 hours, please contact us at conferences@nmac.org.

Login

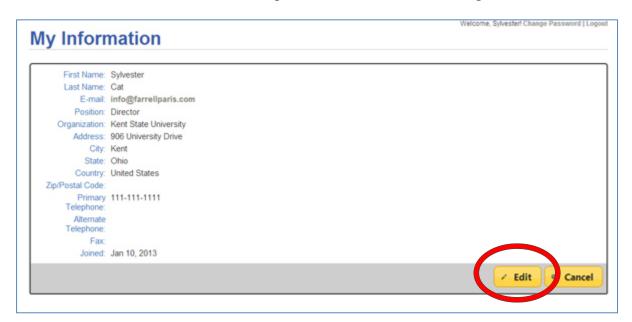
After receiving the account verification e-mail, follow the procedures described on pages 3–4 for logging onto the Web site.

Review My Profile - Update

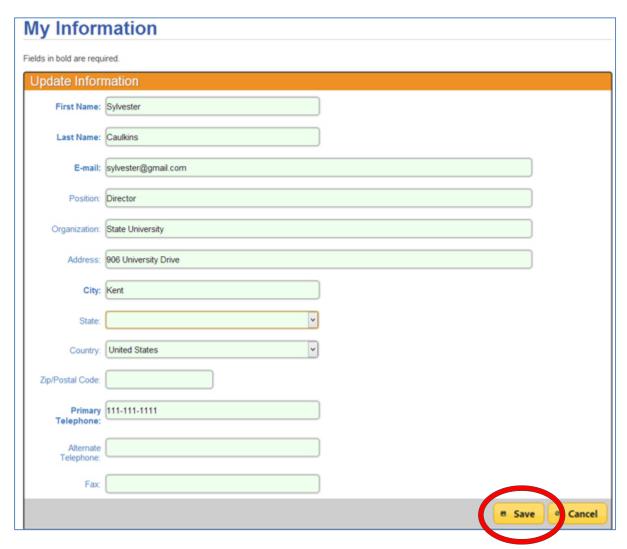
If you need to update the contact information located in your profile, after logging into the system select the **Review My Profile** link located on the **My Dashboard page**.



After selecting this link, a screen will display contact information currently in the system. Select the **Edit** button located at the bottom right of the screen to make changes to this information.



Input your updated information and select the **Save** button located at the bottom right of the screen.

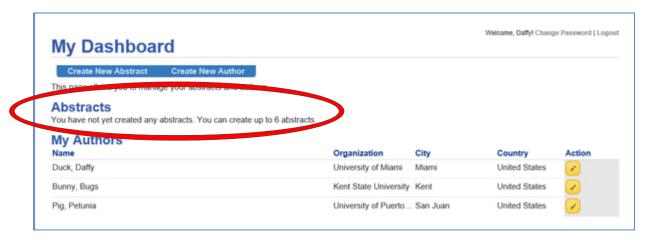


Upon submission, a notification will appear at the top of the screen that the information has been successfully updated and you will be returned to the **My Dashboard** page.



Create New Author/Create New Abstract

After clicking on **Login**, the dashboard/homepage appears, with the options to **Create New Abstract** or **Create New Author***. The dashboard will indicate that you have not yet created any abstracts and your name will be listed as a possible author/co-author.

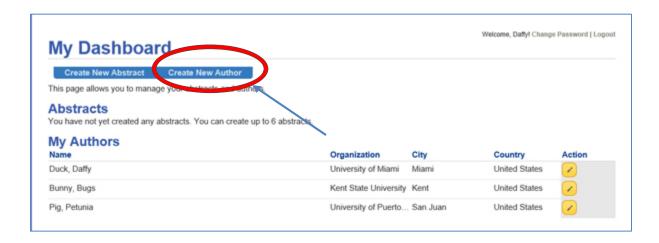


*Author/Co-Author is defined as a person or persons who are involved in the research project. If you are submitting the abstract, make sure all co-authors are aware of the submission and approve of being listed on the abstract.

Create New Author/Co-Author

The **Create New Author** tab is not connected to a particular abstract and can be selected to add a co-author to one or more abstracts. It also can be added after the abstract is created.

Select Create New Author

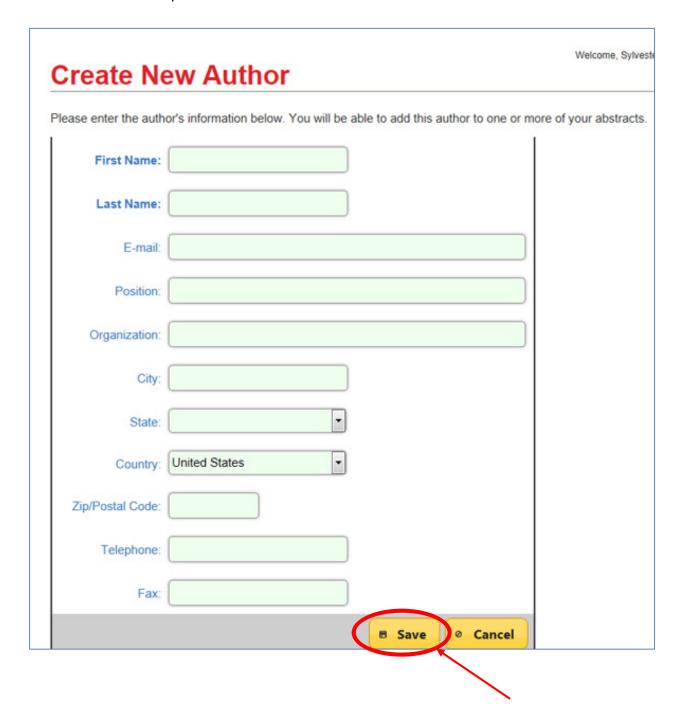


The **Create New Author** screen displays input boxes for entry of the author's name, e-mail, affiliation, city, country and any other contact information.

• Enter the author's information.

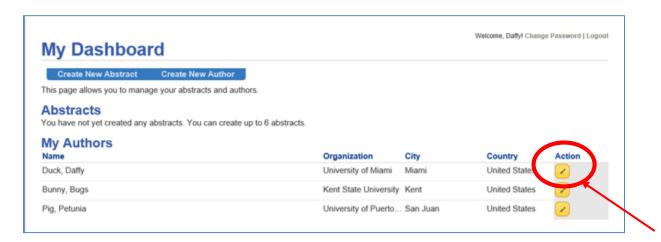
You can save and proceed or cancel this action.

Select Save to proceed.



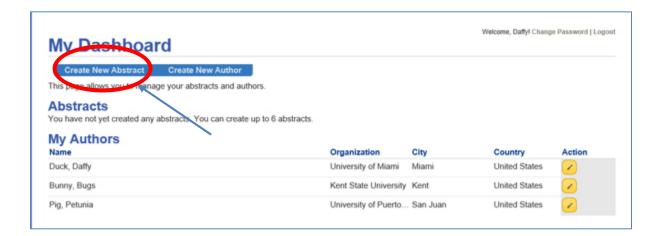
From the dashboard, if you want to change the information added for the new author:

• Click on the **Edit** icon under **Action**.



Create New Abstract

Click on the Create New Abstract tab.



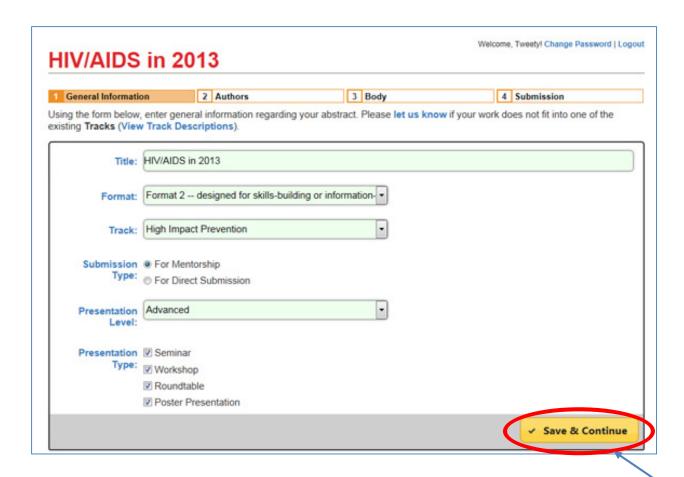
The **New Abstract** page appears for entry of general information about the abstract.

General Information

• Click in the **General Information** field.

A screen displays for entry of the title, format, track, submission type, presentation level, and presentation type.

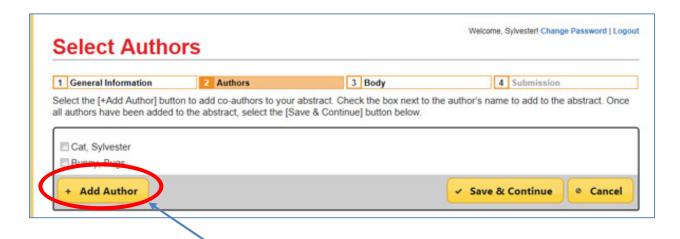
- Enter the **Title** for the abstract.
- Select the **Format** from the dropdown menu.
 - Format 1 = Abstracts concerning a specific program, project or study
 - Format 2 = Abstract addressing a broader issue area, problem or community need
- Select the **Presentation Track** from the dropdown menu.
- Select the **Submission Type**.
 - Note: Only those selecting [For Mentorship] will be provided with Mentor feedback/comments. If you select [For Direct Submission], the abstract will automatically be submitted to the USCA Abstract Committee.
- Select the **Presentation Level** from the dropdown menu.
- Check all that apply of the **Presentation Type**.
- Click on **Save & Continue** at the bottom right of the screen.



Authors

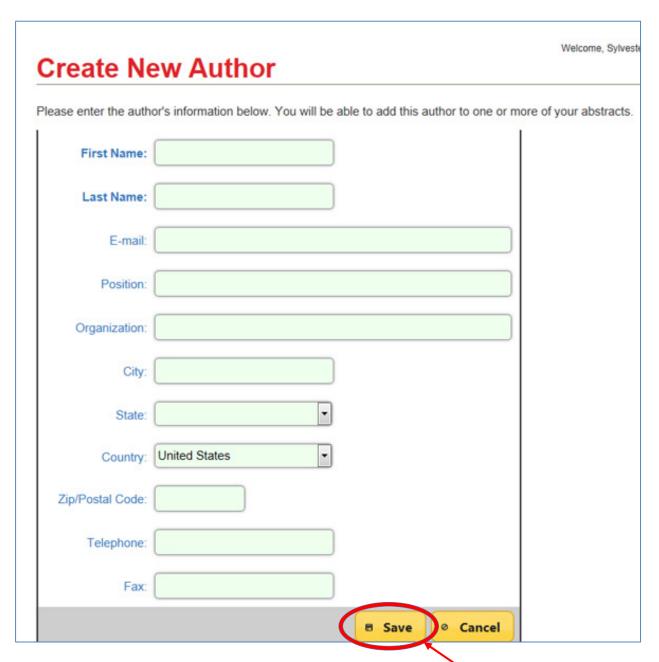
After selecting [Save & Continue], the **Select Authors** screen displays. You may now add one or more authors to your abstract. If you have already added authors to your list of "My Authors" from the main dashboard, the name or names will appear in the list with a checkbox next to them.

To add an author to the list, click on Add Author.

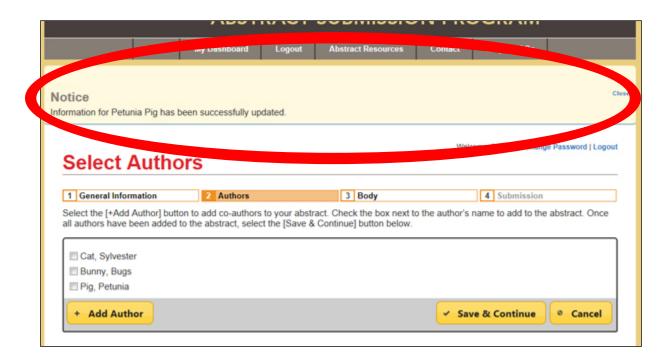


The **Create New Author** screen displays for entry of the author's name and contact information.

- Enter the Co-Author's information
- Select Save to proceed.

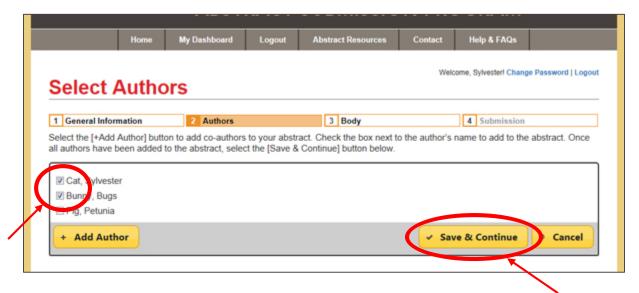


After you select **Save**, the **Select Authors** page displays, with a **Notice** that information for the author you added has been successfully updated.



Select Authors

• To choose the authors for the abstract, <u>check the box</u> next to the appropriate names and select **Save & Continue**.

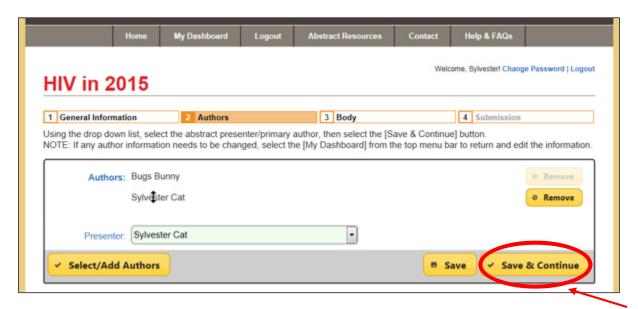


A **Notice** appears at the top of the screen indicating that the author selection has been successfully updated.

Select Presenter

If **Save & Continue** is selected, a screen appears where you can **Order** the appearance of the author names and for selection of **Presenter** if there is more than one author.

- Place your cursor over the author's name until it becomes a double-arrow . Then you click and drag to reorder the names.
- You can remove authors from the list by clicking **Remove** next to the names.



- To select the presenter, choose the presenter's name from the dropdown menu and click **Save** to remain on the screen or **Save & Continue** to proceed to the next step.
- Select **Save & Continue** to bring up the screen for entry of the abstract body.

Enter Body of Abstract

The categories for entry of the abstract are Objective/Topic, Methods/Issues, Results/Learning Objective, and Conclusions/Strategies, Methods, Models, Examples. There are boxes under each category for comments for the mentor. A word-processing menu bar facilitates text entry.

 Enter text in each category, along with comments if desired.

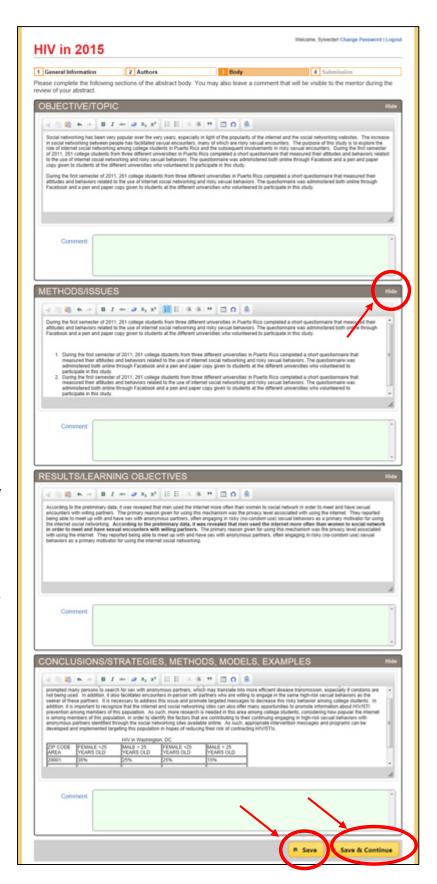
You can compress each section so that you do not have to scroll down each section.

• Click on **Hide** in the field you wish to compress.

Selection of **Save** allows you to view the screen again with the text entered. You can continue to enter text if you wish.

Selection of **Save & Continue** allows you to proceed to the **Submission** screen.

- Select Save to view the screen again.
- Select Save & Continue to proceed to Submission of the abstract.



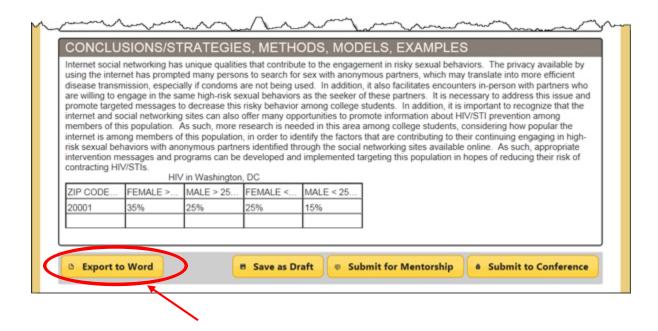
Export, Save, or Edit Abstract

The **Submission** screen displays the choices **Export to Word**, **Save as Draft**, **Submit for Review**, and **Complete Abstract**.

Export to Word

You may export your abstract if you wish to open or save it in Microsoft Word format.

Click on Export to Word on the lower left hand side of the screen.

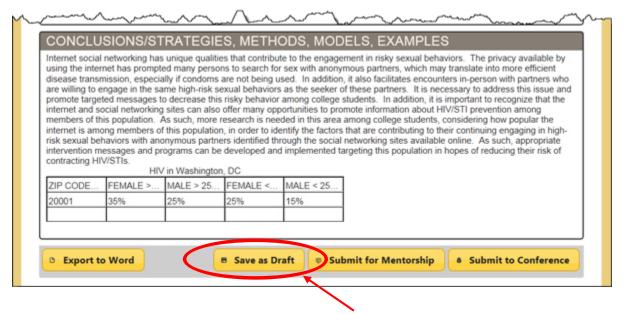


Depending on the Web browser you are using, a pop-up message displays asking whether you want to **Open** or **Save** the abstract in Microsoft Word format.

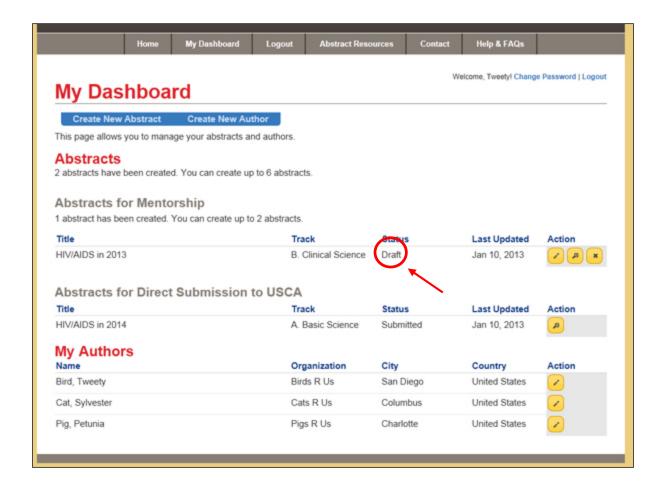


Select **Save as Draft** if you want to save the abstract <u>without submitting it for mentorship</u> assistance or submission to the conference.

• Click on **Save as Draft** at the lower middle of the screen.



After clicking **Save as Draft**, your **My Dashboard** page will display with your new abstract listed under **Abstracts**.

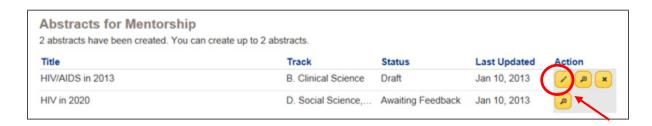


The **Status** column will show that the abstract is in "Draft" and has NOT been submitted for Mentor Feedback.

Edit Abstract

The **Edit** icon under **Action** can be selected to edit **General Information**, **Authors**, and the **Body** of the abstract.

Click the **Edit** icon



The abstract **General Information** page will open and can be edited.

- Click on Authors to add or delete authors.
- Click on Body to edit the abstract text.
- Click on Submission to submit the abstract for review.
- Click on Save & Continue to proceed to submitting your abstract for review.

Delete an Abstract

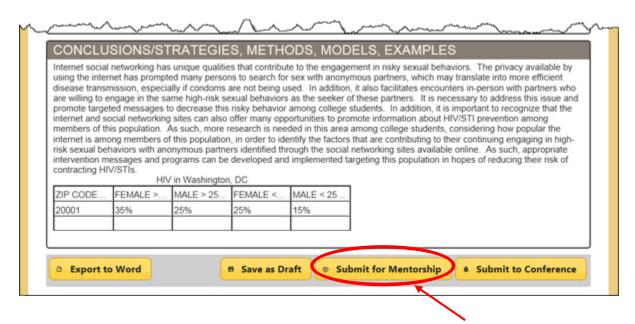
The **Delete** icon under **Action** can be selected if the abstract is still in "Draft" status and you want to remove it from your account.

Click the **Delete** icon

Submit for Mentorship Assistance

Select **Submit for Mentorship** if you are ready to submit your abstract for review by a mentor. You may submit your abstract for second review after you make changes to it based on feedback from your mentor.

• Click on **Submit for Mentorship** on the lower right hand side of the screen.



Verification to Submit for Mentorship Review and Feedback

A small screen entitled **Submit Abstract for Review** pops up requesting verification that you would like to submit the abstract for review and stating that once you submit it, you will not be able to change it until the mentor completes a review.



Select Yes or No.

• If you do not wish to submit your abstract for review, click on the **No** button.

Selection of **No** takes you back to the abstract.

• If you wish to submit your abstract for review, click on the **Yes** button.

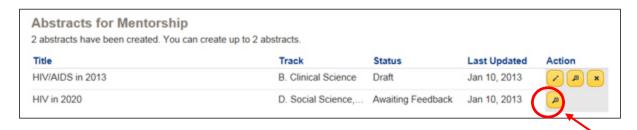
Selection of **Yes** brings up the **My Dashboard** page showing the status of your abstract, with a **Notice** that your abstract has been successfully submitted for review.



You will also receive a message from the USCA Abstract Assistance office stating that after the mentor completes the review, you will receive an e-mail notification regarding the recommended changes, and to contact NMAC if you do not receive a response within 4 business days.

View Abstract

If the abstract is **Complete** or **Awaiting Feedback**, only the **Details** icon displays. Selection of the **Details** icon allows viewing the abstract without making changes. You can export the abstract with or without comments and open or save the abstract in a Microsoft Word format.



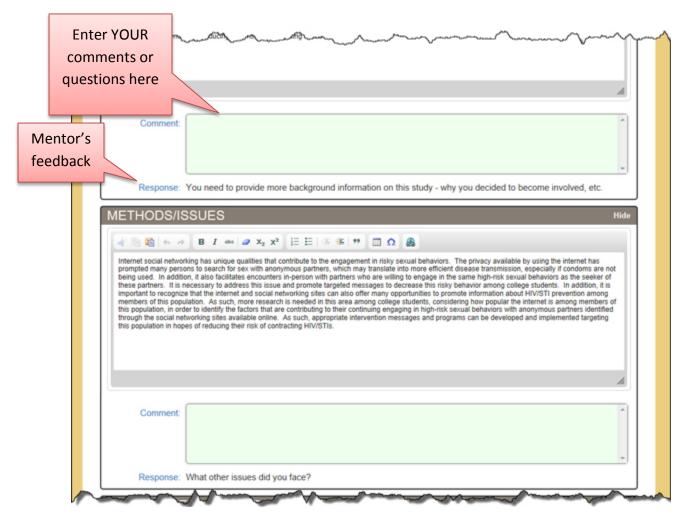
Viewing Mentor Comments

Once your mentor has reviewed and submitted comments on your abstract, you will receive an e-mail notification to log onto the Web site to view this information. Follow the procedures described on pages 3–4 for logging onto the Web site.

Once you log on, the **My Dashboard** page displays. The **Edit** icon will again appear next to the **Details** icon. The **Status** will display as "In Progress" indicating the mentorship process is in progress.



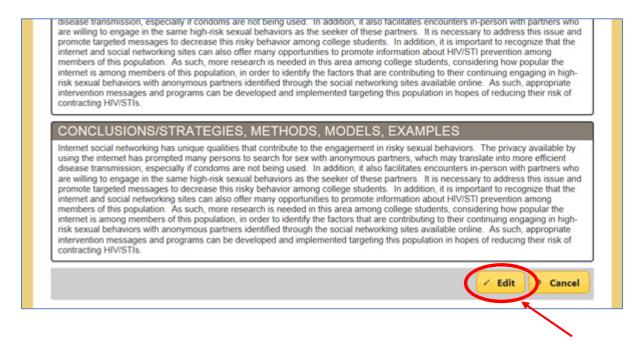
- Use the **Edit** icon to edit the abstract and view the mentor's comments.
- Select the [Save & Continue] buttons to move to **Section 3. Body** to view the mentor's feedback and suggestions.
- The body of the abstract is displayed and the mentor's feedback/response is visible under the green **Comment** boxes. You can now makes desired revisions in the appropriate sections of the abstract, and/or you can type comments in the green boxes.



- Mentors can provide up to two cycles of review for each abstract.
- To view the text of the abstract, click on **Details** icon under **Action** for that abstract.

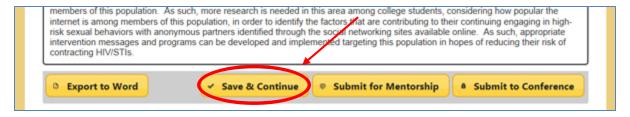
The abstract displays on the screen.

To view abstract with the mentor's comments, select Edit and select the [Save & Continue] buttons to move to Section 3. Body to view the mentor's feedback and suggestions.

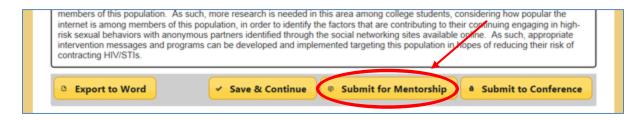


Submission Options

• Select **Save & Continue** if you want to continue to work on your abstract and/or send comments to your mentor.



 Select Submit for Mentorship if you want to send your updated abstract and/or comments to your mentor for another review round.



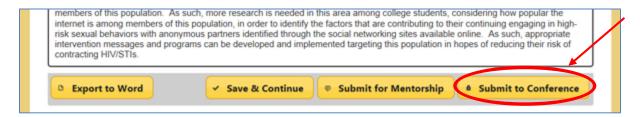
The mentor will be notified you have submitted an updated abstract and/or comments. The abstract status will appear as **Awaiting Feedback** on your dashboard home page.



Once the mentor has submitted a response, you will be notified by e-mail and the status will change to **In Progress** on your dashboard home page.



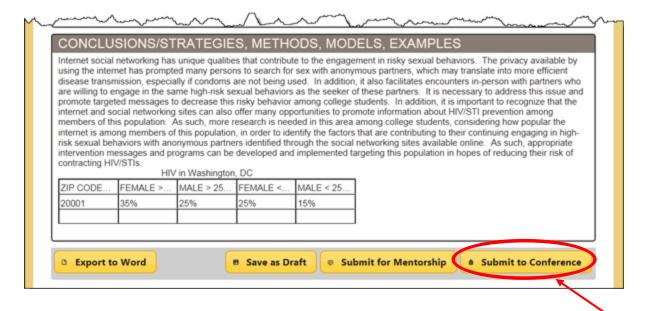
• Select **Submit to Conference** if you are satisfied with your abstract and are ready to submit for review by the USCA Abstract Committee for presentation at USCA.



Complete Abstract & Submit to Conference

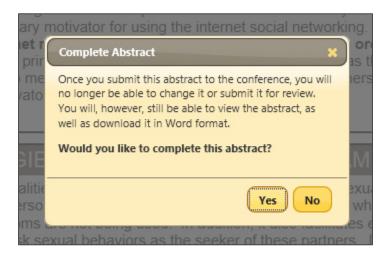
Select **Submit to Conference** if you are finished working on your abstract.

• Click on **Submit to Conference** on the bottom right of the screen.



Verification to Complete Abstract

A small screen entitled **Complete Abstract** pops up requesting verification that you would like to complete the abstract and stating that once you complete it, you will no longer be able to change it or submit it for review, but you will still be able to view the abstract, as well as download it in Microsoft Word format. (See **Export to Word** in the previous section.)



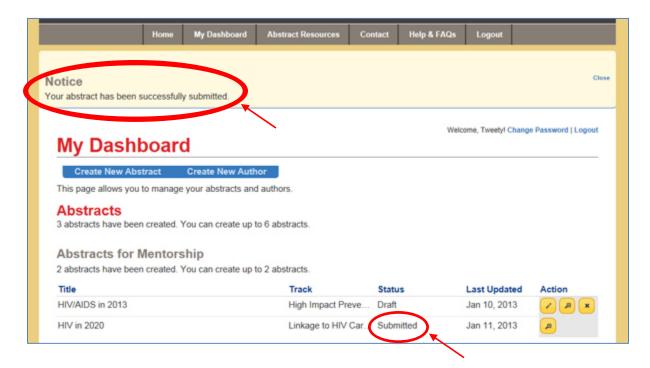
Select Yes or No.

• If you still want to be able to make changes to your abstract, click on the **No** button.

Selection of **No** takes you back to the abstract.

• If your abstract is complete, click on the **Yes** button.

Selection of **Yes** brings up the **My Dashboard** page showing the status of your abstract, with a **Notice** that it has been successfully completed.



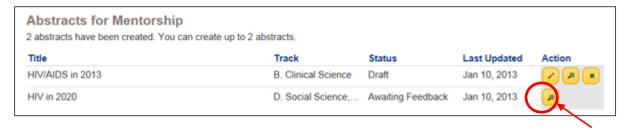
You also will receive an e-mail from the USCA Abstract Assistance office stating that the abstract has been submitted for USCA.

Create Additional Abstract

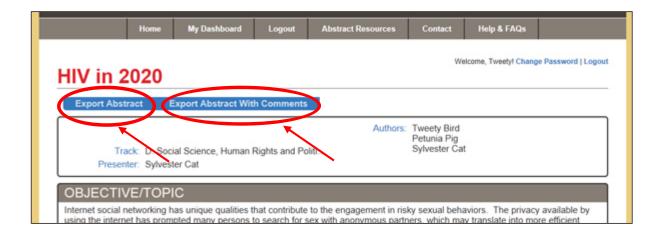
After you have created one abstract, you can create a second one for mentorship at any point in the process by going back to the **My Dashboard** page. In addition, information about your abstracts and authors will be listed on that page and can be edited or reviewed.

Export Abstract

• To export an abstract, click on the **Details** icon under **Action** on the **My Dashboard** page.



Select Export Abstract or Export Abstract with Comments.



Depending on your Web browser, a pop-up message displays asking whether you want to **Open** or **Save** the abstract in Microsoft Word format.

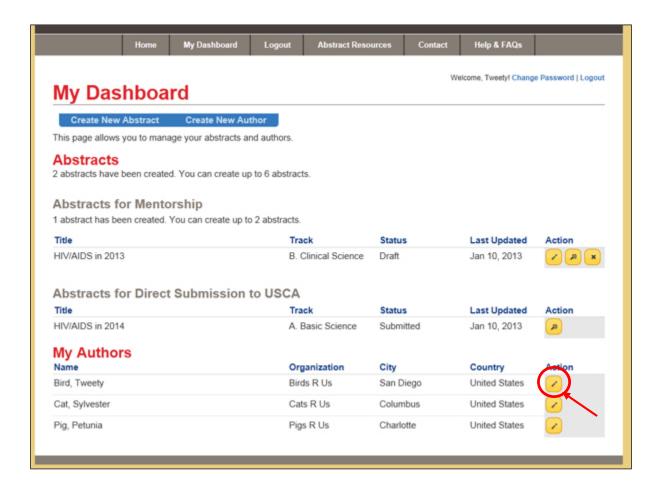
• Click **Open** or **Save**.

A Microsoft Word version of the abstract displays to be opened and/or saved.

Edit Authors

Information about authors can be updated by selecting the **Edit** icon under **Action** on the **My Dashboard** page.

• Click on the Edit icon.



The **Edit Author** screen appears.

Edit the author's information.

When you have finished editing the author's information, you can save or cancel your changes.

- Select Save to save your changes.
- Select Cancel to cancel your changes.

Additional Information

If you have created the maximum two abstracts, the **Create New Abstract** option will not display. **Create New Author** can then be selected to add an author to one or both of your

abstracts.

The menu at the top of the Home page includes suggested **Abstract Resources** and links for mentees; a **Contact** screen to input feedback, questions, and comments; and **FAQs** for mentees.



Mentors can provide up to two cycles of review for each abstract.

Mentees can submit up to two abstracts for mentorship assistance and up to a total of six abstracts for consideration for presentation at USCA.

For additional information about using the Web site, please contact the USCA Abstract Assistance office at conferences@nmac.org or call 202-483-6622.